

January 27, 2009 Update

Update for the Newborn Screening Rulemaking Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 9, Chapter 13, Article 2

The current rules implementing Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 36-694 for newborn screening are located in Title 9, Chapter 13, Article 2, of the Arizona Administrative Code. A.R.S. § 36-694 was amended by Laws 2008, Chapter 225, to designate the Arizona State Laboratory as the only testing facility for the Newborn Screening Program.

The Department was amending the rules in 9 A.A.C. 13, Article 2, to:

- Remove references to a contracted screening laboratory from the rules in 9 A.A.C. 13, Article 2;
- Remove the phase-in of testing, which has already been accomplished;
- Amend and add definitions;
- Amend testing requirements, information that is required to be submitted to the Department or screening laboratory, and criteria for determining when a bloodspot test will be performed on a blood sample submitted to the screening laboratory; and
- Make technical and grammatical changes to clarify the rules.

Due to the [Governor's Memorandum](#), Regulatory Review Plan, dated January 22, 2009, and published in the *Arizona Administrative Register*, 15 A.A.R. 4, page 241, all action on this rulemaking has been suspended until after April 30, 2009.

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